

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for gathering information for a directory on a packet switched network, the method comprising:  
determining a directory that is related to a first web site;  
reporting the directory to a second web site a first time;  
detecting changes on the first web site;  
updating the directory with the changes; and  
reporting the directory to a second web site a second time.

2. The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein:  
the second web site includes a plurality of directories from other web sites;  
and  
the second web site combines the plurality of directories in a global directory.

3. The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, further comprising categorizing an item in the directory.

4. The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the directory comprises a catalog of the content objects on the first web site selected for publication.

5. The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the directory includes at least two of a file name, a path, a site name, a file creation date, and a file creation time.

6. The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, the method further comprising:  
determining a second directory that is related to a third web site; and  
reporting the second directory to a second web site.

7. The method for gathering information for the directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the detecting changes comprises detecting at least one of erasure of files, replacement of files and addition of files.

1           8.     A method for gathering information for a directory on a network,  
2 the method comprising:

3                 determining a directory that is related to a first web site;  
4                 reporting the directory to a second web site a first time;  
5                 setting a timer in response to the reporting the directory;  
6                 detecting the time value on the timer; and  
7                 reporting the directory to a second web site a second time.

1           9.     The method for gathering information for the directory on the  
2 network as recited in claim 8, wherein:

3                 the second web site includes a plurality of directories from other web sites;  
4                 and  
5                 the second web site combines the plurality of directories in a global  
6 directory.

1           10.    The method for gathering information for the directory on the  
2 network as recited in claim 8, further comprising categorizing an item in the directory.

1           11.    The method for gathering information for the directory on the  
2 network as recited in claim 8, wherein the directory comprises a catalog of the content  
3 objects on the first web site selected for publication.

1           12.    The method for gathering information for the directory on the  
2 network as recited in claim 8, wherein the directory includes at least two of a file name, a  
3 path, a site name, a file creation date, and a file creation time.

1           13.    The method for gathering information for the directory on the  
2 network as recited in claim 8, the method further comprising:

3                 determining a second directory that is related to a third web site; and  
4                 reporting the second directory to a second web site.

1           14.    The method for gathering information for the directory on the  
2 network as recited in claim 8, wherein the detecting changes comprises detecting at least  
3 one of erasure of files, replacement of files and addition of files.

1           15.     A method for gathering information for a directory on a packet  
2 switched network, the method comprising:  
3           determining a directory that is related to a first web site;  
4           reporting the directory to a second web site a first time;  
5           setting a timer in response to the reporting the directory;  
6           determining changes on the first web site;  
7           updating the directory with the changes;  
8           detecting the time value on the timer; and  
9           reporting the directory to a second web site a second time in response to  
10 the detecting the time value.

1           16.     The method for gathering information for the directory on the  
2 packet switched network as recited in claim 15, wherein:  
3           the second web site includes a plurality of directories from other web sites;  
4           and  
5           the second web site combines the plurality of directories in a global  
6 directory.

1           17.     The method for gathering information for the directory on the  
2 packet switched network as recited in claim 15, further comprising categorizing an item  
3 in the directory.

1           18.     The method for gathering information for the directory on the  
2 packet switched network as recited in claim 15, wherein the directory comprises a catalog  
3 of the content objects on the first web site selected for publication.

1           19.     The method for gathering information for the directory on the  
2 packet switched network as recited in claim 15, wherein the directory includes at least  
3 two of a file name, a path, a site name, a file creation date, and a file creation time.

1           20.     The method for gathering information for the directory on the  
2 packet switched network as recited in claim 15, wherein the detecting changes comprises  
3 detecting at least one of erasure of files, replacement of files and addition of files.